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Holiday Edition

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year



Welcome to the NEW Branch 594 Colour Party!

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Royal Canadian Legion Metropolitan Branch 594
2023-2024 Executive and Key Chair and Appointed positions

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Tom's Humour Page

What do you call a slow skier? A SLOPEpoke!

How does a North Pole carpenter fix something broken? Igloos it together.

Why did Frosty go to the middle of the big lake?
Because snowman's an island.

What kind of math do Snowy Owls like? Owlgebra.

What do you get when you cross Frosty with a polar bear? A "brrr"- "grrr."

How do polar bears make their beds? With sheets of ice and blankets of snow.

Why did the police officer say when he saw the snowman stealing? "Freeze!"

What did one snowman say to the other? "Do you smell carrot?"

What do you call a play or musical in the North Pole? Snow business.

What did the icy road say to the car? "Wanna to go for a spin?"

What's white and goes up? A confused snowflake

What do you call 10 Arctic hares hopping backward through the snow together? A receding hare line.

What did one snowflake say to the other? "You're one of a kind."

How do you know that a snowman was in your home? You find a carrot in a puddle next to the fireplace.

Did you hear about the snowman spy? He has a license to chill.

What time is it when little white flakes fall outside the classroom window? Snow and Tell.

Why was the little snowman sad? 'Cause he had a meltdown.

What happened when an icicle landed on the girl's head? It knocked her out cold!

What do you get when you cross a vampire with a snowman? Frostbite!

What happened when Princess Elsa fell off her sled?
She let it go.

Why was the snowman rummaging through the bag of carrots? He was picking his nose.

"I asked my wife what she wanted for Christmas. She told me, "Nothing would make her happier than a diamond necklace." So I bought her nothing."

Spotted outside a church in LaSalle: "Honk if you love Jesus. Keep on texting while you drive if you want to meet him."

The office Christmas party is a great opportunity to catch up with people you haven't seen for 20 minutes.

"My wife took our three-year-old to church for the first time. Getting impatient while waiting for the Mass to start, he turned to her and asked, "What time does Jesus get here?"

Six-year-old to his three-year-old brother: "Let's play Christmas. I'll be Santa Claus and you can be a present and I'll give you away."

A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas. After hearing about this extravagant gift, a friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty four-wheel-drive vehicles." "She did," he replied. "But where was I going to find a fake Jeep?"

A seven-year-old boy was asked to say thanks for the Christmas dinner. The family bowed their heads as he began... *"thank you God for Mommy, Daddy, Grandma, and all my aunts and uncles"*. He then began to thank God for the food. *"Thank you for the turkey, the stuffing, the Christmas pudding, and even the cranberry sauce."* Then he paused. The family waited and waited, until the boy finally asked his mother, *"if I thank God for the Brussels sprouts, won't he know that I'm lying?"*

***Merry Christmas and a Healthy
Happy New Year!***

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear Comrades:

“Peace on Earth – Goodwill to all People”. As we enter the Christmas season, and have just finished our Remembrance services, I am reminded about how blessed we are to live in this country. The well-known phrase “Freedom is not Free” can be proudly stated when we reflect on how Canadians have served and supported so many around the world, *in their lands*, to fight for freedom. There are so many in this world that do not have freedom, suffer persecution, and incidentally people on all sides of war are horribly affected or die. Let us continually and proudly thank those who have served, and continue to serve in instilling peace, or guarding peace. Lest We Forget.



Our membership did an awesome job during the Poppy Campaign. I want to thank our Poppy Chair, his committee, and all those who pinned poppies, worked behind the scenes, counted, and did the banking, and organized and supported routes. We were able to once again raise significant funds that will go directly to supporting Veterans, their families, youth programs, and many other authorized activities. Special recognition is also given to Gavin Pratt, a 17-year-old Villanova Student, who ran 100 kms on Remembrance Day and raised over \$6,000 for our Branch Poppy Funds. He received a Poppy Appreciation Award Certificate (photo in the Poppy report page 19) from our Branch at the Membership meeting on Tuesday, November 28th, and will receive a Certificate of Merit from your President at his school assembly on Tuesday, December 5th. It is wonderful to witness such a great commitment to our Veterans and their families from this young man.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branches across this country continue to have a positive influence in supporting our communities. We are a significant agency of volunteers that do some marvelous work. Please remember that your membership counts. We ask that you pay your dues for next year by the end of this month, and that we do everything in our power to recruit new members.

May you enjoy the winter festive season, and I wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Comrade Morris
President RCL Branch 594



HOSPITAL

We request that members or their families contact Linda Ross at the branch if you are hospitalized and would like us to post your name and possible visitation or flowers.

Branch Pastor, Rev. *Catherine (Cathy) Collins*-Barker our Branch Chaplain has agreed to visit our hospitalized members if they agree. Visitations could be in person or by phone, email, Facebook... as the situation requires and Covid protocols allow.

If you can help, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact us in person or through email, website, or a note in the comment box in the lobby.

Note we can only report after families give us permission.

MEMBERSHIP

As of Nov 28th, we have a Membership of 514

Consisting of: Life 5, Ordinary 105, Associate 287, Affiliate Voting 114 and Affiliate Non-Voting 3

Other: As of Nov 16: 295 members have renewed for 2024, 206 to come.

EARLY BIRD DRAW

The official start of the 2024 Early Bird Draw is September 1st.

All those who have paid their 2024 dues will have their names entered into a draw for their 2025 membership. Draws will be early October, November, and December.

DRAW WINNER #1 Richard Rousseau (114 entries)

DRAW WINNER #2 Gerald McMahon (216 entries)

DRAW WINNER #3 Rick Brusseau (295 entries)

***2024 Dues: \$55.00 per person at Branch or Online.
Retired Members \$50 per person, at Branch Only!***

New Members

A Big Legion WELCOME to our newest members accepted by the executive and our membership!

Ordinary Transfer: Gordon Robinson

Associate: Dena Barrette, Marilyn Catania, Kenneth A Girardin, Antonio Liburdi,

Affiliate: Phillip Magri, Dennis Raegan Jodi F Reaume

Photo of those sworn in at the November 28th
Membership meeting: (Left to Right)
Brian Robinson (Membership Chair), Dena Barrette,
Jodi Reaume and Ken Girardin and Jim McGhie
(First Vice President).



The Legion is pleased to extend our 1-year Free Membership for Veterans AND their Families.

The Veteran Family Welcome Program is open to spouses and adult children of CAF or RCMP serving members and Veterans who have not yet joined the Legion. This program is a great way to get to know the organization and share your support for Canada's Veterans.

Being a Legion member offers opportunities to improve the lives of those who served, remember the Fallen, and support your community — and every member makes a difference. To get more involved with Legion activities in your community and to add your voice to our advocacy efforts and the future of the Legion, apply through Dominion Command's Veteran Welcome Program and bring your membership card to any Legion Branch to request a transfer to that Branch.



To apply, please complete the Veteran Welcome Program
Registration Form <http://www.legion.ca/welcome>

Brian Robinson, Membership Chair

Changed your address, phone number, email address?

Please send changes, by email to: membershipbr594@gmail.com

TREASURER'S REPORT

I am happy to report that for the month of October 2023, the Branch made a nice profit.

The bar, once again, did very well.

While our repair and maintenance costs were up a little compared to the month before, they didn't overwhelm us.

Our kitchen income continues to be healthy, so Thank You to the “Bunker Kitchen by Billie”, you do a great job.

The bank balance is healthy and up over the month of September 2023. We still need to watch our expenses because the future of Branch 594 will still need some expensive repairs that haven't materialized yet, but we know that they are coming because the building keeps aging, and we need to prepare for this.

Thank You to our members and non-members for your patronage. Your attendance at the Branch has really helped us to stay afloat, and we look forward to seeing you.

Remember, Branch 594 is, “the place to meet friends you've not met before,” and there are always things happening at the Branch.

Yours in Comradeship,
John Antaya, Treasurer

Legion Week, Veterans Annual Dinner, and Remembrance

Thank you to everyone that came out and assisted with placing and picking up the flags at both Victoria Memorial and Greenlawn Memorial Cemeteries.

We had an excellent turnout for our Branch Remembrance Day Service on Sunday November 5, 2023. We had representatives from the Federal and Provincial Governments along with the Deputy Warden of the County of Essex, the Mayor of Tecumseh, and the Deputy Mayor of LaSalle.

In addition, I would like to give a special thank you to the Cadet Corps along with the Guides and Scouts that came out to join us on parade.

On November 5th at our luncheon after the service 59 people came back in to join us for soup and sandwiches. In addition, approximately 120 cadets, guides, scouts, and parents joined us in Halls A & B for pizza and pop.

On November 11th after the LaSalle Remembrance Day Service 145 people came back to the Branch and joined us for a light lunch of spaghetti.

I would also like to thank Billie Jo and the kitchen staff for an excellent job on both days.

Between the two days we had 324 people stay at the branch for lunch and some drinks. Guides to pick up Remembrance stones, clean, repaint and return to branch.

Comrade Konrad Boehler, Chair of: Legion Week, Veterans Appreciation Dinner & Remembrance

PROPERTY

OUTDOOR

The entire building was power washed and looks great again.
The patio furniture has been put into storage.

INDOOR ADDITIONS

The Christmas trees are out and decorated. Thanks to Morris Brause, Janet Ciurysek, Linda Ross, and Beth Abson. Thanks to the bar stewards Joanne Thompson & Marilyn Brown for their decorating too. The Christmas wreathes and garland have been redone and look great. Thanks to Veronica Friesen, Carol Boroski, Colleen Romance, and Josphine McCoy!

Com Larry Williams, Property Chair

Youth Education & Bursaries

Poster & Literary

The 2023 Poster and Literary contest entry deadline was November 15th. 94 entries were received from 9 of our 28 schools. Poster and Literary contest submissions have been received. The entries were posted Nov 27-30 for judging. Winners will be determined based on national contest guidelines. Final selection is made by the committee.

93 entries received this year. Up from 48 last year. 9 of our 28 schools had entries. 34 entries from Glenwood alone!

Entries received by category: 9 Primary entries K-Gr 3, 60 Junior entries (Gr 4-5-6), 11 Intermediate entries (Gr 7-8-9) and 14 Senior entries (Gr 10-11-12)

The top 3 entries in each category will receive cash prizes (\$1,190 from Poppy Trust Fund), a certificate, and are entered into the Zone competition.

Public Speaking

The Zone A1 Public Speaking competition contest will be introduced to our 28 schools this month. The competition will be held at our Branch (594) and is scheduled for Saturday March 2nd, 2024. Divisions are Gr 1-3, Gr 4-6, Gr 7-9 and Gr 10-12.

The speakers may select their own topics. All speeches are to be the original work of the speaker. The topics chosen by the individual speakers do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the Royal Canadian Legion. The speaker will credit authors and sources of material, if referring to another person's work. Speeches that repeat verbatim another person's original work will not be accepted.



Provincial Bursary The 2024 details are posted on the corkboard between the washrooms and can also be obtained on the www.legion.on.ca website.

RCL Br 594 Youth Education & Bursary Committees: Tom Friesen (chair), Patti Brause, Gerry Ciurysek, Jim McGhie, Dave Woodman & Morris Brause.

KITCHEN REPORT

The kitchen is open on Sundays again. Their operating hours will be from 12 noon – 5pm on Sundays. They will be offering specials on Sundays to coincide with the beer specials during the NFL Sunday season. Come and join us for the NFL games.

Now that the fall weather has come, we are seeing many event bookings taking place. We also have many upcoming Legion events coming up including our Annual New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance with the band "The Stiff Joints.

Tickets for our New Year's Eve dinner and dance are on sale at the bar. Last year we sold out nearly 200 tickets for the dinner and dance and we expect to match that this year. I encourage those that would like to ring in the New Year with us to purchase your tickets early. Details will be released shortly.

NOTES

The Bunker Kitchen will be closed from December 24th through January 1st and will reopen on January 2nd.

The Bunker Kitchen will also be closed from January 17th through January 24th and will reopen on January 25th.

Just a reminder that the bunker does offer takeout services as well as catering services for your outside events. Give Billie or Tricia a call and see what they can do for you.

Thanks to all for your support.

Comrades Randy Soulliere and Jim McGhie. Co-Kitchen Convenors

Bunker Kitchen Contact

Tricia LaBelle at

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thebunkerkitchen@gmail.com

phone: 519-9 69-0551



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WAYS & MEANS

Our spaghetti dinners are becoming more popular and seems to be the place to be every other Tuesday of the month. The Branch hosted two very successful spaghetti dinners in November, on the 7th and the 21st where 324 customers were served earning the Branch \$2,175.00 for the month! Since September we have served 850 customers and have earned \$6,152.91 for the branch!

We have a great group of volunteers to help make, serve, set up, clean up, and sell tickets, who, together, make these spaghetti dinner fundraisers so successful and fun for our Branch. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Thanks to all who support these fundraising dinners along with the volunteers who make them successful. The next spaghetti dinner is Tuesday December 5th. The final one for 2023 is on December 19th and we will be serving cake and coffee too!

The 2024 schedule starts January 9th!

Please mark your calendars and bring your friends.

NOTE "The Bunker" will be closed on Spaghetti Tuesdays (they deserve a day off now and then).

Veronica Friesen, Ways & Means Chair



A flyer for a spaghetti dinner. The background is a light cream color with a red border at the top and bottom. The word "SPAGHETTI" is written in large, red, outlined letters, and "DINNER" is in smaller, red, outlined letters below it. To the left of "SPAGHETTI" and to the right of "DINNER" are illustrations of a tomato with a splash of red sauce. Below the title, the text "ALL YOU CAN EAT" is in bold black letters. The menu items "Spaghetti with Rich Tomato Basil Meat Sauce, Fresh Garden Salad, Dinner Roll & Butter" are listed in bold black text. The serving time "Served 4:30 till 6:30" is in bold black text. The price "Only \$10 for Adults, Children 6 and Under \$3" is in bold black text. At the bottom, a red banner contains the text "TUESDAY DEC 5th and DEC 19th*" and "5030 Howard Ave" in white. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for "Legion" with a red flower icon and the text "BRANCH 594 TECUMSEH" below it.

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WEBSITE
Lots of information on www.rcl594.com
Brian Robinson, webmaster

SPORTS

We have Cornhole at the Branch every Tuesday night so come on out and Join us. If you want to learn, feel free to join us as well. It is a fun activity for those winter evenings. Bring a friend.

Darts: Wednesday Night Men's League
Thursday Night Luck of the Draw
Friday Night Mixed League
Saturday Night 1 League
Saturday Night 2 League

Pool: Monday Mixed 8Ball League
Thursday Night Luck of the Draw Play
Cards: Monday Night Euchre Every other Monday
Monday Night Cribbage Every other Monday

1. Show up between 6:30 and 6:45 so play can begin by 7:00.

Cornhole: Every Tuesday Night Luck Of Draw
2. Show up between 6:30 and 6:45 so play can begin by 7:00.

ZoneA1 Sports (Legion Members only)

Zone Mixed Darts takes place December 9th at Br. 644. We have 1 team and 3 doubles participating.
Zone Senior Darts took place November 18th and John Antaya and Beth Abson took 4th place and will move on to District play. Good luck to them.
Zone Darts took place November 25th and we had 1 individual participating.
Zone 8Ball was held on October 28th. We had 12 players in the Teams Division and 13 players in the Singles Division. Three teams move on to district competition. Brad McLellan and Don Collard took 1st place and Bill Anderson and Lou Driessen placed 3rd. They will move on and represent Branch. Good luck to them.

District Sports (for those that qualified at Zone Competitions)

We have posted the District Schedule for all Sports beginning 2024.
To date we have a Cribbage Team going to District, two (2) 8-Ball teams going to the District and a Senior Darts team going to District. To those attending please check the Scheduled Dates/Locations and confirm that you are available to attend.

Please visit the SPORTS board periodically to see upcoming events here at the Branch. Also posted on the board is a list of contact people for all the events here at the Branch should you be interested in joining. The list will be updated as contacts change.

Wayne Fortin, Branch 594 Sports Officer.

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A team from our Cadet Corps participated in the Western Ontario Biathlon (Running and Rifle Shooting) competition in London on the weekend of Nov 4-5th.

The Cadets pinned Poppies at the Devonshire Mall on Nov 3-4 and participated in our Branch Remembrance Day service on Nov 5th.

The Cadets also participated in the opening ceremonies for a Lasalle Vipers hockey game on Nov 8th.

We will be holding a “Turkey Shoot” on Dec 13th, holiday mess dinner on Dec 20th and then taking a break until resuming training on Jan 10th.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Cadet Corps.
Jim McGhie, Cadet Liaison, 519-979-8904, mcghie@mnsi.net

SENIORS COMMITTEE

This past month, we saw an average of 109 attendees. Even though our count for dinners was down slightly, we found that a few people are ordering off the menu in the lounge, since they did not like or could not eat what was on the regular dinner menu. The kitchen has also been very accommodating with dietary issues. We agreed to visit the menu options in January and make changes, if needed.

Our Christmas dance will be Monday December 18th. There is a limit of 160 and will have tickets to purchase in advance of the December 18 date. As on Nov 27th 110 have already been purchased!

Sponsors are still supporting our dances. November saw *Seasons* on November 13th and November 27th. Chartwell Oak Park will be at the December 4th dance. *Seasons* will be back on December 11th and Kensington Court will be attending our Christmas dance on December 18. *Seasons* has also been bringing several of their residents who also stayed for dinner.

This support has been greatly appreciated and will bring up the \$\$\$ in the VCF account.

Next meeting will be December 14 at 10am.

We look forward to your views, wishes and advice. If you wish to join the committee, please contact Sue or Beth

Lottery Committee

Our Attendance Draws (Loonie-Toonie) are now “Progressive Raffles.”

The Loonie, Toonie membership draw is alive and well.

As required by the AGCO 50% of all Progressive Raffles must be donated to a registered charity approved by the municipality.

At the November membership meeting two donations were requested and approved.

Beth Abson Lottery Chair

BAR REPORT

A full review of all products and pricing of all products has been completed and a report was presented to the membership at the Nov 28th General meeting.

All the products we currently sell have gone up in price over the last year as well as the services that our suppliers provide to us. There will also be an increase in the government's portion in 2024. This in turn has raised our costs overall and thus the need for this review.

Prices will be changed starting the new year with most going up but a few less costly options.

When inventory depletes, we will not reorder kegs of Coors Banquet and Alexander Keiths as these are our two least requested drafts. Landshark and Walkerville will then be available at both bars. We will be bringing in another draft as well.

Tickets for our New Year's Eve dinner and dance are on sale at the bar. Last year we sold out of nearly 200 tickets for the dinner and dance, and we expect to match that this year. I encourage those that would like to ring in the New Year with us to purchase your tickets early. Details will be released shortly. Tickets are \$60.00 and are available at the bar or contact Randy Soulliere.

Randy Soulliere

LOUNGE

At the last membership meetings, a request was made to rename our Lounge.

The current name is “The Glen Dessario Room”. Glen was a past president (2007 and 2009-2012) including during the expropriation and building of the facility.

A survey is being taken on names to be considered, one of which is the “Harry Delisle Room”. Harry was a WWII RCAF veteran and longtime branch 594 member who passed away in October days after his 102nd birthday.

Survey Forms will be in the main foyer.

Please put your completed form in the CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTES AND SUGGESTIONS box.

Branch Members Celebrating DECEMBER Birthdays

Adele Julie Bezaire, John Bondy, Philip Bradbury, Rick Brusseau, Lee Callister, Janet Ciurysek, Bruce Clarke, Karen Clark-Lauzon, Constantine Corchis, Gary George Demmans,

Doreen Eansor, Dorothy Gamble, Suzan Hamdon, Alissa Hearn, Kenneth Hedgewick, Paul Hepburn, Gwen Kadar, Darlene Klingbile, Sharon Luciw, Catherine MacDonald, Robert Marshall, Scott McEwen, John McFadden, Tina O'Connor, Carmelo Paonessa, Susan Poonia, Douglas Rivington, Suzanne Robinson, Cheryl Rousseau, Robert Scaddon, Pauline Smith, Randall Soulliere, Thomas Soulliere, James Sparrow, Vera Stilson, Michael Stroud, Rob Todd Whitter & Anthony Zahaluk

Hope your birthdays are great!

ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS PROGRAM

Com Bob Hart, Entertainment Chair

A GREAT LINEUP has been planned for December!!!

Friday December 1 st	“Final Chapter”.
Friday December 8 th	“Abbey Neves”
Friday December 15 th	“Al Fazio”
Friday December 22 nd	“Dan Alice”
Sunday December 31 st	New Years Eve Party with the “Stiff Joints”

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FINAL CHAPTER

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December 1st
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NEW YEAR'S EVE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Dinner

**LIVE MUSIC by
STIFF JOINTS**

2024

\$60

PER PERSON

Metropolitan Branch 594
5030 Howard Ave

Doors Open 6PM

Dinner 7PM

Music 8-12:30

Advance Tickets Available at the
Lounge Bar or contact Randy Soulliere at
randysoulliere64@gmail.com

Deadline Dec 17th

For More Information
www.rcl594.com

**Broasted Chicken,
Beef Brisket,
Scalloped Potatoes,
Corn Medley,
Smashed Brussel Sprouts,
Garden Salad,
Dinner Rolls &
Special Dessert too!**

Charcuterie Board at 10:30



2023 Colour Party: Dave Woodman (Commander), Flag bearer Sue Whitehead, Colour Guards; Pat Westfall, Gerry Ciurysek, Dan Leonard, and Flag bearer Bob Hart.

Join the Colour Party

A chance to represent your Legion.

**Join the team, maybe meet some new
friends, learn a new skill, and have
some fun.**

**Contact Dave Woodman, dfwoodman@gmail.com
519-566-8745**

All are welcome. No experience required.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Branch Events, Membership, Provincial & Dominion are now posted in the foyer in the 3 glass doored cases where the “library” was located.

The Lending Library is still in the foyer but across the hall.

Matt Beasley, Public Relations Officer



LAST POST

SMITH, Stephan
Nov 20, 2023, 67 yrs.
40-year Veteran in CAF

[Master Corporal Stephen Smith \(Ret'd\) Obituary - Windsor, ON | Families First](#)



CONDOLENCES

**To Jason Fleming, Br 594 custodian on the
passing of his mother Eileen FLEMING.**

[Eileen Fleming \(nee Ryan\) Obituary - Windsor, ON | Families First](#)

To Matthew Beasley on the passing of your son in law.

WINDSOR VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

Funeral Services are being performed at the request of the Veteran's family through the funeral homes.

From June 1st, 2023, until Nov. 30th, we have lost:
46 Veterans, 29 Comrades & have performed at 13 funeral services.

No meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 17th at Branch 255.

The next Veterans Service is Saturday December 2nd for John Raymond MacDonell.
John was a Korean war Veteran and prisoner of war. Fogolar Furlan Club at 12:30pm
[Obituary of John Raymond MacDonell | Simple Choice Cremation | Crem...](#)



*Note that Legionnaires are welcomed / encouraged to attend funeral services.
Most service dates and times are included in obituaries in Windsor Star and online.*

Ron Bisnaire, Branch 594 Liaison to WVMSC

Information provided by Roger & Dot Deguire

*Roger mentioned he once had an upper and lower GI scope. The did the lower first and he said the second
tasted like shit!*



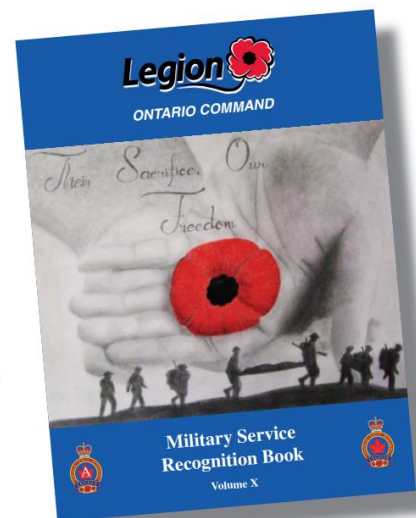
The image on this Introductory Poster is from a poster that was entered in a recent Ontario Provincial Command Youth Education Poem, Poster and Essay Competition. The Poster was the third-place winner in the Senior Black and White Poster category at the Provincial level. It was designed by student Mariane Shved of the Philip Pocock Catholic Secondary School in Mississauga, Ontario. She represented the Colonel Tom Kennedy Branch #582 in Mississauga, Ontario in District B in the Legion Branch competitions.

Military Service Recognition Book

The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command

We are proud to be introducing year eleven of our annual publication that will help identify and recognize many of Ontario's Veterans who have served their country so well during times of war and peace.

- Our eleventh book will be available at all Legion Branches by October 2024.
- Books are gifted to Branches, Veterans, Schools, Libraries, Military Bases, Museums, local Municipal Buildings and Community Resource Centres.
- We invite you to submit stories of Veterans and Military Service Personnel who have touched your life. Submission forms and guidelines are available from your local Legion Branch or at www.on.legion.ca for those wishing to submit a Veteran story and photo.
- A provincial telephone appeal is underway to private citizens and businesses requesting support to publish this book each year and to support our Veterans.



Remember, share, donate today.

For more information:

POPPY

As of month end, Oct. 31st, 2023, our WFCU Poppy Trust Bank Account has \$64,420.68 plus \$5.23 of interest.

The 15 Day 2023 Poppy Campaign has ended & so I would like to thank all the volunteers that pinned at Costco, Walmart & other businesses.

A big thank you to my Money Counters; Christine Bell & Patti Brause for all their hard and time-consuming work. Janet Ciurysek who spent a week calling people to Volunteer for Costco & Walmart, plus all the Tax Receipt Ledger work & doing all the bank deposits. To all my dedicated Coin Box Route Volunteers; Bonnie & Bob Fraser, Josephine McCoy & Garry Loeper, Jim McGhie, Tom Friesen & Luc Boucher, David Woodman, finally Donna & Bob Hart.

I applaud you all for your hard work & your time, thank you.

All Poppy Campaign material has been put away & stored for another year.

I apologize for not having a definitive total for the campaign but as always there are still cheques & money trickling in, but I can say this; since Jan. 1, 2023, to 11-19-2023 we have had a good run of donations totaling \$90,149.

We have also made significant donations at the two 2023 District A Conventions plus 6 other deserving groups, Youth Education Bursaries, and our Veterans Appreciation Dinner.

From Oct. 1, 2023, to date we have taken in during the campaign \$61,570 (closing in on last year's total if \$64,322.00).

Thanks, our volunteers for your hard work and Thank You to all our generous donors!

Gerry Ciurysek, Br 594 Poppy Chair



A 17-year-old high school senior from Amherstburg went the distance for Canadian military veterans on Saturday by completing a Remembrance Day ultramarathon fundraiser in support of his local Royal Canadian Legion, Metropolitan Branch 594. **Gavin Pratt**, a Grade 12 student at St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic High School in the town of Lasalle, just outside Windsor, completed the 100Km run at the Whispering Grace 100 in Massillon, Ohio in 19 hours and 45 minutes.

Gavin raised approx. \$6,000 from this ultramarathon (100km) in Support of our Veterans via the Poppy Trust Fund will be deposited for the 2024 Poppy Trust fund.

DECEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tues	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec 31, 2023 Open 12-5 New Year's Eve Party Doors open at 6pm	Jan 1st 2024 CLOSED	Jan 2 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i>	Jan 3 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> CADETS Mens Darts	Jan 4 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	1 Open 1-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 11-8pm</i> Entertainment Final Chapter 6-9pm Mixed Darts 7-10pm	2 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> DART NIGHT 2
3 Breakfast with Santa 10:30-1pm OPEN 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> OPEN 12-6PM FOOTBALL SUNDAY	4 Open 12-10 Dinner Dance 3-7 POOL League Euchre	5 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> CLOSED Pepper ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI 4:30-6:30 <i>Cornhole</i>	6 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> CADETS Mens Darts	7 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	8 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> Entertainment Abbey Neves 6-9pm	9 Open 10-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> DART NIGHT 1
10 OPEN 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> OPEN 12-6PM FOOTBALL SUNDAY	11 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Sr Dinner Dance 3-7 POOL League Cribbage	12 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Pepper <i>Cornhole</i>	13 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> CADETS Mens Darts	14 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	15 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> Entertainment Al Fazio 6-9pm Mixed Darts 7-10pm	16 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> DART NIGHT 2
17 OPEN 12-7 <i>"The Bunker"</i> OPEN 12-6PM FOOTBALL SUNDAY	18 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> Seniors Christmas Dinner Dance 3-7 ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY POOL League Euchre	19 Exec Mtg 10am Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> CLOSED Pepper ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI 4:30-6:30 <i>Cornhole</i>	20 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i> CADETS Mens Darts	21 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> US Thanksgiving Football Specials Food & Drink Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	22 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-8pm</i> Entertainment Dan Alice	23 Open 12-10 <i>"The Bunker"</i> <i>Open 12-7pm</i>
24 OPEN 12-5 <i>Bunker Closed</i> FOOTBALL SUNDAY	25 CLOSED Merry Christmas	26 CLOSED Boxing Day	27 Open 12-7 <i>Bunker Closed</i> No Cadets No Darts	28 Open 12-7 <i>Bunker Closed</i> Luck of Draw POOL & DARTS	29 Open 12-7 <i>Bunker Closed</i>	30 Open 12-7 <i>Bunker Closed</i>